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SALEM COUNTY CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Director Lee Ware, announced that the Board of Freeholders has by resolution officially designated March as Women's History Month in Salem County. Throughout the month, events and programs explore the contributions and experiences of American women.

"Each year Women's History Month provides us with an opportunity to recognize and honor the contributions women have made to our County now and throughout our history," said Freeholder Ware.

Salem County's history and arts organizations have once again organized exhibitions, programs and performances as part of this national celebration. Three new special exhibitions are featured throughout the month. Pennsville Public Library, 190 S. Broadway, Pennsville, is featuring an exhibition of local quilts including hand-pieced and applique work as well as machine-quilted items in a variety of patterns and sizes. The installation is open during regular Library hours throughout the month. Pennsville Township Historical Society, Churchlanding Farm, is premiering "Women in Education," which honors five pioneering educators. The lives and contributions of local women also take center stage at the Historical Society of Penns Grove, Carneys Point and Oldmans in Penns Grove.

Saturday, March 13 focuses on women authors and artists. Alloway History Museum, Alloway Municipal Building, Alloway, starts off the day (9 am – 12 noon) with a program featuring local women authors and a performance by the Salem Woodwind Quintet. The focus shifts at 1 pm to the Pennsville Public Library where local author Letitia Duell Camp will be discussing and signing her book, *Days on the Farm*, about her life on her Pilesgrove farm. On Sunday, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Salem, presents a special program featuring a reading from the work of Esther "Hetty" Saunders, Salem's 19th century African-American poet.

The following Saturday, March 20, 11:30 am, the American Association of University Women presents their Women's History Tea at the Woodstown Friends Meeting Annex, N. Main St. and Marlton Rd., Woodstown. This year's program features Barbara Darlin's program, "The Gibson Girl Friday," exploring the obstacles women faced when first entering the male-dominated business world. Saturday evening features Patty Larkin



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at Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, Elmer. Larkin has been redefining the boundaries of folk-urban pop music for more than 20 years and has proven herself a dynamic singer/songwriter.

On Sunday, March 21, 11 am, the Alliance Heritage Center presents "Woman of the Manor" an inspirational and frequently humorous presentation on the life of Bluma Bayuk Rapoport, daughter of Alliance founder Moshe Bayuk, and author of "A Farmer's Daughter" in the Alliance Chapel in Pittsgrove. That afternoon the work of colonial women is explored through hearth cooking demonstrations at the Lower Alloways Creek Historical Cabin Museum in Canton starting at 1 pm

The month concludes with a special take on the life of colonial women during the Annual Commemoration of the Hancock House Massacre, Hancock House State Historic Site, Hancock's Bridge on Saturday March 27. Nancy Walker will discuss midwifery in the 18th century and Dolores Pfeuffer will speak about the political lives of colonial women. In addition, reenactors will represent colonial life during the Revolutionary War throughout the day.

"With such a rich variety of programs, Women's History Month in Salem County offers something for everyone," said Freeholder Beth Timberman, liaison to the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

For up to date program listings, visit the County's Tourism Website, www.VisitSalemCountyNJ.com or call toll-free 1-877-658-6871.